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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We come to You today, humbly, to ask Your blessing upon the Members of this people's House. Help them to do the work that needs to be done.

Bless all those who worry that their needs may not be addressed in a timely fashion. May those who possess power here in Washington be mindful of those whom they represent who possess little or no power and whose lives are made all the more difficult by a failure to work out serious differences.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE HOUSE HAS DONE ITS WORK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, all the news today is about the Schumer shutdown. The House has done its work. The economy is booming. We passed a massive tax cut before the end of the year, which is bringing raises and prosperity to all segments of our economy. What is the problem?

The problem is the Democrats in the United States Senate. The Democrats in the Senate are holding government funding hostage. The people protecting this country will continue to work but won't get a paycheck; this includes firefighters, Border Patrol, and service-members.

We have a short-term funding bill ready for the President to sign, but Democrats are standing in the way. Democrats are endangering our national security, our veterans, and our children. The insurance of 9 million children is at risk because CHIP would not be reauthorized.

Mr. Speaker, it appears as though the Democrats want to take away attention from the wonderful economy we have. We need to pass this bill and move on.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF COMPLETE GOP CONTROL

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today is the first anniversary of complete Republican control of our government—the President, the Senate, the House.

When they wanted to deliver their tax plan, the largest transfer of wealth to the richest Americans, they could move with lightning speed. Bipartisanship? Democrats were completely shut

out. Although, to be fair, Republicans didn't even know what they were voting on.

DREAMers weren't here illegally until Donald Trump ended the DACA program. If the Republicans had the courage to allow bipartisan legislation on the floor to fix this problem, it would pass overwhelmingly.

The Republicans had known for months that the important and popular CHIP program would end this fall. If they would allow the reauthorization on the floor, it would pass with 400 votes and save us \$6 billion over the next 10 years.

Republicans should use their complete control of government to govern. And if they can't agree amongst themselves and want our help, then work with us, but don't hold the American public and their government hostage to your most extreme Members and their radical ideas.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS SUCCESSFUL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for American families that today marks the first year of the Presidency of Donald Trump. We can rejoice in his successes of promoting peace through strength abroad and economic opportunity at home; that America is being restored as a beacon of freedom and liberty.

ISIS is now really being defeated with his call for victory supporting our military. The economy is booming with jobs and skyrocketing stock markets. His dedication for all Americans is clear, as African-American unemployment is at a 17-year low and Latino unemployment is at a record low.

The Democrat response has been mean-spirited obstructionism of resistance. Last month, Senate Democrats

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